

1 **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20**

2 (By Senators Kessler (Acting President), Unger, Snyder, Jenkins,
3 Foster, McCabe, Stollings, Plymale, Prezioso, Klempa, Miller,
4 Minard, Yost and Wells)

5
6 Designating February 2, 2011, as "Social Work Day" at the
7 Legislature.

8 Whereas, Social workers are positive change agents who
9 dedicate their careers to helping people transform their lives, or
10 improving environments that make such progress possible; and

11 Whereas, More than 640,000 trained Social Work professionals
12 in the United States work tirelessly in agencies, hospitals,
13 hospices, schools, universities, legislatures, private practices,
14 corporations and the military; and

15 Whereas, Social workers are advocates for access, equality and
16 fairness; and

17 Whereas, Social workers improve the fabric of society by
18 caring for those who have been left behind, or for those who have
19 lost their voice; and

20 Whereas, Social workers help people explore new opportunities
21 in the face of serious life changes and challenges; and

22 Whereas, The Social Work profession was established more than
23 100 years ago to help Americans overcome poverty, illness,
24 addiction, abuse, discrimination and other adversities to reach

1 their full potential; and

2 Whereas, The Social Work profession works to change systems
3 and customs that limit the ability of vulnerable individuals and
4 groups to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

5 Whereas, Schools of Social Work train socially conscious
6 people to make a real difference in the world through service and
7 leadership; and

8 Whereas, Social Workers strengthen communities, expand options
9 and work to facilitate humane changes in policies and legislation
10 that improve the lives of everyone; and

11 Whereas, Everyday, Social Workers wake up believing they give
12 an individual, a family, or a community renewed hope in the future;
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate:*

15 That the Senate hereby designates February 2, 2011, as "Social
16 Work Day" at the Legislature; and, be it

17 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward
18 a copy of this resolution to the appropriate officials representing
19 social workers.